

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 2:8-15

Captivated by Christ

CAPTIVATED BY CHRIST – WHO HE IS

Whole Fullness of Deity (9)

Head of All Rule and Authority (10b)

CAPTIVATED BY CHRIST – WHAT HE'S DONE

Filled in Him (10a)

Circumcision of Christ (11)

Buried with Him in Baptism and Raised through Faith (12)

Made Alive with Christ (13a)

Forgiven of Trespasses (13b-14)

Disarmed Rulers and Authorities (15)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon is that with even the most child-like understanding of the gospel, the choice between living according to Christ and according to anything else is entirely obvious. The main takeaway is to learn and rehearse the gospel continually.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What has been the most significant idea in Colossians for you so far?
3. Is there anything in your life that you are truly captivated by? What is it about that thing that is captivating?
4. Can you think of something specific that you or someone you know has been captivated by that turned out to be empty, hollow, and disappointing? What happened to reveal that?
5. Can you name any specific ways your life would be different if you were rightly captivated by the deity and authority of Jesus?
6. Does it seem to you like you have been filled in Jesus? Why/not? What would be different if you believed that promise?
7. How do the covenant signs of circumcision and baptism reveal the glory of Christ?
8. Do you really believe that we are by nature and choice, dead in our trespasses and sins? How would your life change if you believed that about everyone you see? How would your life change if you were properly captivated by the salvation of Jesus?
9. How would you explain to a non-Christian why it matters that God is both just and justifier in Jesus?
10. Why does it matter that Jesus has disarmed all rulers and authorities, shamed them, and triumphed over them?
11. What aspect of Christ's character is most captivating to you? What aspect of His work is most captivating?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Write out the gospel in the most simple and biblical terms you can. Figure out a way to remind yourself of it throughout the week. Focus on living more fully captivated by the things you rehearse. Share your rehearsal with someone in your DG. Share your rehearsal with someone who is not already captivated by Jesus.
14. Consider any areas of your life in which you are anxious, frustrated, discouraged, or sinning. See if you can trace those things back to a failure to be captivated by some specific aspect of Christ's nature or work. Ask someone for help if you get stuck.
15. Find one specific way to become more fully captivated by Jesus (and less captive to an empty philosophy of this world).
16. Ask someone to tell you one thing they got from this sermon and one way to pray for them in light of it.
17. Find and obey a specific command of Jesus, who is the head of all rule and authority.
18. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God that He is truly and perfectly captivating. Praise God that the whole fullness of deity dwells in each person of the Holy Trinity. Praise God that He is the head of all rule and authority. Praise God that He is merciful and gracious. Praise God that He is resurrection life. Praise God that He is just and justifier. Praise God that He is victorious!
20. Confession. Confess any ways you've allowed yourself to be captivated by philosophy and human traditions and that you've preferred empty deceit and elemental spirits to Jesus. Confess any ways in which you've given yourself over to an authority, looked for salvation, or been captivated by anything other than Jesus.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for revealing the fullness of Jesus, filling you with Jesus, circumcising and baptizing you in Jesus, raising, forgiving, and making you alive in Jesus. Thank God for defeating all competing powers.
22. Supplication. Ask God to make you captivated by Jesus. Ask God to give us increasing clarity in and conformity to the gospel.